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## Long Beach Man Charged with Kidnapping Woman in Compton

A 35-year-old man pleaded not guilty today to kidnapping a woman with the intent to rape her, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Ferdinand Ervin Flowers (dob 10/25/82) of Long Beach has been charged with three felony counts in case TA145170: kidnapping to commit rape and/or robbery, assault with intent to commit rape and second-degree robbery.

The felony complaint includes a special allegation that the defendant personally used a firearm during the commission of the crime.

Deputy District Attorney Frank Dunnick of the Victim Impact Program, who is assigned to the case, said on Jan. 12, Flowers allegedly approached a 19-year-old female sex worker in Lynwood.

The woman reportedly entered the defendant's vehicle and the two drove to Compton, the prosecutor said. While in the car, Flowers allegedly pulled out a gun, pointed it at the woman and demanded her money, according to the prosecutor.

The victim was able to free herself from the car and run to bystanders for help, the prosecutor said.

A short time later, authorities apprehended Flowers and arrested him in connection with the kidnapping.

The defendant is scheduled to return to court on Feb. 15 for a preliminary hearing setting in Department 10 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Compton Branch.

If convicted as charged, Flowers faces a maximum possible punishment of life in state prison, as well as lifetime sex offender registration.

The case is being investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and Los Angeles Police Department.

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